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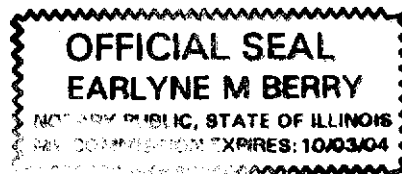
VERIFICATION

Eric Larsen, being duly sworn, states on oath that he is Director- Negotiations for Southwestern Bell Telephone Company/Illinois Bell Telephone Company Negotiations and Interconnection, and that the facts stated in the foregoing Joint Petition for Approval of Negotiated Agreement and Statement in Support of Joint Petition for Approval are true and correct to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.

Eric Larsen
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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20 day of August, 2001.

Earlyne M. Berry
Notary Public



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AFFIDAVIT OF

Lauraine Harding

Before me, the Undersigned Authority, on this 12 day of October, 2001,
personally appeared Lauraine Harding, who, upon being by me duly sworn on oath
deposed and said the following:

1. My name is Lauraine Harding. I am over the age of 21, of sound mind and competent to testify to the matters stated herein. I am Senior Manager Interconnection Negotiations for McLeodUSA, Inc. I have personal knowledge of the Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement (the "Amendment") between Southwestern Bell Telephone Company ("SWBT") and McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Inc. ("CLEC"). The parties have diligently negotiated under the Telecommunications Act of 1996 ("FTA"), culminating in this executed Amendment on _____ and _____, respectively.
2. I believe this Amendment establishes mutually agreeable Interconnection standards. The Amendment was negotiated pursuant to the FTA and in good faith.
3. Further, consistent with the policy provisions of PURA, I believe that this Amendment fosters, encourages, and accelerates the continuing development and emergence of a competitive advanced telecommunications environment and infrastructure and to that end, not only advances, but, also protects the public interest.
4. I am not aware of any provision in this Amendment that discriminates against any telecommunications carrier that is not a party to this Agreement. The terms of this Amendment are available to any similarly situated local service provider in negotiating a similar agreement.
5. I am not aware of any outstanding issues between the parties that need the assistance of mediation or arbitration at this time.

Further Affiant sayeth not.

Lauraine Harding

Name Lauraine Harding

Title Senior Manager Interconnection Negotiation

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Sworn and Subscribed to before me this 12th day of October, 2001, to certify which witness my hand.



Rosalie M. Wolf
Notary Public in and for the State of Iowa

My Commission expires on :

7/28/2003